



2019 New Mexico National Guard State Wrestling Championships



Rio Rancho takes Home 2019 Team Title

Rio Rancho hoisted the blue trophy for the second year in a row, earning the school's 13th overall wrestling title with a team score of 170. Cleveland earned second-place with 163 points, followed by Carlsbad, who finished third with 150 points.

The Storm and Cavemen saw three wrestlers atop the medal stand, while Volcano Vista and Santa Fe captured two individual titles during the final round of the 2019 New Mexico National Guard State Wrestling Championships.

Moses Santiago of Volcano Vista defeated Joshua Robinson of Sandia in the 106-pound weight class, 5-3, as Tristan Mascarenas of Cleveland beat Tim Lopez of Rio Rancho at 113. Mascarenas won 113-pound weight class in 2018.

Adam Pena of Santa Fe captured the title at 120 pounds over Avery Atma of Las Cruces, 11-7. Miguel Padilla of Santa defeated Santiago Marquez of Cleveland, 5-4, at 126-pounds.

Alejandro Gutierrez of Rio Grande earned his first state title with a 3-0 win over Thomas Carrillo of Rio Rancho in the 132-pound match. Carrillo beat Gutierrez in the 2018 championship match. At 138, James Emmer of Rio Rancho defeated Sandia's Gestic Marquez, 7-3.

In the 145-pound weight class, Manuel Robles of Volcano Vista took home his first individual title, 11-2 over Jesse Daniel Perez of Deming. At 152 pounds, Carlsbad's Mason Box capped off a stellar 2019 campaign beating Sammy Martinez of Santa Fe, 2-1. Justin Wood of Carlsbad defeated Cody Glenn of Rio Rancho to take home the 160-pound title in 2019, 4-2.

At 170 pounds, Fabian Padilla of Carlsbad beat Bronson Deatherage of Volcano Vista, 12-4, while Marco Rodriguez of Centennial captured the 182-pound championship, 6-3, over Ethan Sanchez-Maxwell of Volcano Vista. At 195, Barrett Haemker of La Cueva handled Gabe Garcia of Cleveland with a 5-3 decision.

Dion Hunter of Cleveland captured his first title by pinning Jacob Telles of Sandia in the 220-pound title match. In the heavyweight division, Austin Roman of Cleveland pinned Dante Norberto of Farmington and was crowned the 2019 champion.



Aztec Earns 2019 Blue Trophy

Aztec High School remained on top of the wrestling world after claiming their second straight New Mexico National Guard Wrestling State Championship. The Tigers finished the 2019 state meet with 225 points. Silver was second with 183 and Los Lunas finished third with 171.

The Tigers sent six wrestlers to the finals and finished with three individual state champs. Christian Robison won the 126-pound weight class beating Damian Gonzales of Los Alamos with a fall at the 5:17 mark. Robison wrapped up his high school career with two state titles, just like his father. Aztec's Cody Candelaria also claimed victory in the 138-pound bracket. He took a major decision over Jordan Gallegos of Los Lunas 24-13. Aztec's Hunter Medina took home the 145-pound championship with a 15-2 major decision over Belen's Martin Ammons.

A couple four-time state champs were crowned in 2019. Pojoaque senior Javier Tapia (34-1) claimed his fourth individual state title after beating Silver's Nathaniel Lucero 8-0 in the final. Silver's Zeke Marquez also claimed his fourth title after the senior edged out Aztec's Garrett Birzer 8-6 in the championship match of the 132-pound weight class.

Valencia senior Robbie Jaramillo capped off the perfect 42-0 season with a finals victory by pin over Santiago Salas of Los Lunas. All four of his weekend matches were won by pin. Silver's Brenden Olsen also won all four of his matches by pin in the 106-pound division, including a victory over Aztec's Jaren McBride in the final. Michael Aguirre of Silver also won four matches by pin. Aguirre beat Moriarty's Colton Zeisloft in a mere :40 of the 160-pound final.

Jaramillo wasn't the only Class 4A wrestler who finished the season unbeaten. Estevan Valerio of Taos finished the year with a 32-0 record after finishing off Cody Gardner of Valencia with a fall at the 3:24 mark of the 182-pound championship.

Steven Sanchez of St. Pius X won by a tiebreaker score of 3-2 over Silver's Vince Marin in the 113-pound championship. Miyamura's Drake Guerrero took an 8-4 decision over Matthew Sanchez of St. Pius X in the 120-pound championship. Bloomfield's Luke Whitley edged out Aztec's Bode Wooley by a 6-4 decision in the 152-pound championship match. The 220-pound title went to Kirtland Central's Jarryd Pollard who beat Coletton Radford of Del Norte in the final 5-3. The 285-pound championship went to Angelo Maestas of Valley after he pinned Dominic Lopez of Taos just 1:15 into the final match.



Cobre Indians Win A/3A State Title

Cobre hoisted the blue trophy overhead at the 2019 New Mexico National Guard State Wrestling Championships, as the Indians led the championships from start to finish. The Cobre tallied 240 points for the championships, followed by Robertson (142) and Socorro (132). Cobre won five individual titles, while Robertson and Socorro earned took home two.

In the 106-pound finals, Kaleb Medina of Robertson Gavin Placencio of Cobre by decision, 11-6. Isaiah Marquez of Cobre won the 113-pound division by decision over Tristian Martinez of West Las Vegas, 7-2.

Esteban Molina of Cobre took the 120-pound title in 2019, by pin over Estevan Atilano of Pecos. Joel Partridge of

Socorro defeated Ishya Delatorre of Cobre to win the 126-pound title by a 9-2 margin.

At 132 pounds, Andrew Trujillo captured his third state title, this time at 132-pounds, defeating Zeke Soliz of Cobre by a score of 9-2. Irvan Delatorre of Cobre capped off a solid season by beating Andres Grano of Robertson, 12-2, in the 138-pound finals. Alex Gutierrez of Foothill captured the school's first individual title in wrestling at 145-pounds, beating Rod Dunlap of Tucumcari, 5-1.

Alex Holhuin of Cobre earned the 152 crown over Joe Martinez of Tucumcari, 16-1.



In the 160-pound finals, Orion Rottman of Socorro took down Thomas Vigil of Pecos, by the narrowest of margins, 9-8. Austin Abeyta of West Las Vegas defeated Jaden Mifsud of St. Michael's in the 170-pound match, by pin. Marley Gutierrez of Cobre handled Wingate's Kierian James, 3-1, to win the 182-pound title

Leon Vigil of Cobre defeated Eric Duran of West Las Vegas by a 10-6 decision of the 195-pound crown, while Tucumcari's Kaleb Hayes beat Javier Mares of Robertson, 3-1, in the 220-pound finals, finishing off his 2019 campaign at 21-6. Tayo Regenold of St. Michael's would defeat Nathaen Urioste of West Las Vegas to capture the heavyweight division, finishing 27-2 on the year.

2019 Girls' State Wrestling Exhibition

At the 2019 New Mexico National Guard State Wrestling Championships, the New Mexico Activities Association held the second-ever Girls' State Wrestling Exhibition.

The exhibition was a huge success, as 78 girls competed in 10 separate brackets. Dozens of girls competed on the biggest stage for a high school wrestler.

The NMAA created the exhibition event in 2018 to help drive interest and participation in girls wrestling while continuing to evaluate the future sanctioning of girls wrestling in New Mexico.

Individual winners of the exhibition included, Jennisis Martinez of Manzano (101 lbs.), Yalixza Gonzalez of Atrisco Heritage (106 lbs.), Neveah Young of Gallup (113 lbs.), Melinda Modisette of ABQ Academy (121 lbs.), Yele Aycock of Miyamura (126 lbs.), Amanda Smith of Cleveland (131 lbs.), Aylin Mijares of Bernalillo (143 lbs.), Nancy Rodriguez of Miyamura (160 lbs.), Rayana Vigil of Atrisco Heritage (185 lbs.) and Alura Sandoval of Atrisco Heritage (235 lbs.).

Jennisis Martinez, Yele Aycock, Nancy Rodriguez and Rayana Vigil were all repeat winners from 2018.

